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REF: (A) LOURENCO MARQUES 513, 453; (B) LOURENCO MARQUES 481, 461;  
(C) LOURENCO MARQUES 540; (D) LOURENCO MARQUES 549

1. SUMMARY: JOANA SIMIAO AND URIA SIMANGO ARE TRYING TO PUT  
TOGETHER ANTI-FRELIMO COALITION BEFORE SCHEDULED CONGRESS OF  
PEOPLE IN NAMPULA, BUT SUCCESS SEEMS FAR FROM CERTAIN.  
THE ATTEMPT REMAINS MARRED BY CONTINUED SQUABBLING, LACK OF  
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PLAUSIBLE PLAN TO COUNTER FRELIMO EVEN IF COALITION SUCCESS-

FUL, AND FAILURE TO DATE TO DEMONSTRATE SIGNIFICANT AFRICAN SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.

2. CONGRESS OF PEOPLE (REF B) CALLED BY JOANA SIMIAO IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR NAMPULA, JULY 27-28 AND SIMIAO TELLS US SHE EXPECTS 1,000 PARTICIPANTS. URIA SIMANGO OF COREMO AND SIMIAO HAVE REORGANIZED HER FRECOMO WITH SIMANGO AS PRESIDENT AND SIMIAO AS VICE PRESIDENT. PRESUMABLY CALISTO MAKULUBE, ELDERLY HEAD OF MOZAMBIQUE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (CNAM) ALSO REMAINS WITH THE GROUP.

3. EFFORTS BRING IN OTHER GROUPS DO NOT YET SEEM TO HAVE BORNE FRUIT. FRECOMO HAS TALKED WITH BEIRA REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EUROPEAN-BASED CONVERGENCIA DEMOCRATICA (CDM), BUT RESULTS NOT KNOWN. SIMANGO HAS BEEN TRYING WITHOUT SUCCESS MEET LAZARO KAVANDAME OF MACONDE-BASED UNIPOMO. MIGUEL MURUPA HAS FORMED PARTY OF HIS OWN (MONIPOMO - PROBABLY NATIONAL MOVEMENT FOR INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIKAN PEOPLE) BUT WON'T JOIN FRECOMO. FICO SPOKESMAN TOLD US FICO NOT NECESSARILY AVERSE TO COOPERATION WITH FRECOMO, BUT IT DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE DONE ANYTHING ABOUT IT. NAMPULA-BASED MONA (NOW RENAMED MONAUMO - NATIONAL UNIFIED MOVEMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE) HAS ASKED OTHER GROUPS TO JOIN IT, BUT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE INVOLVED WITH FRECOMO.

4. COREMO SEEMS RATHER AT LOOSE ENDS. PRESIDENT PAULO GUMANE IS SUPPOSED TO BE GOING FROM MALAWI TO SWAZILAND ON JULY 19. COREMO'S US REPRESENTATIVE ARTUR VILANKULU (REF C) IS VISITING FAMILY IN INHAMBANE AND IS EXPECTED BACK IN LM JULY 17; SIMANGO (REF D) (SIMIAO SAYS) IS LOOKING FOR HIM. BOTH SIMANGO AND VILANKULU HAVE BEEN DULY DENOUNCED IN PRO-DEMOCRAT PRESS; SIMANGO BY THE COUNCIL OF THE MOZAMBIQUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND VILANKULU BY HIS NIECE. (VILANKULU WAS ALSO GIVEN A POINTED COLD SHOULDER BY FORMER COLLEAGUES AT RICATLA PROTESTANT SEMINARY OUTSIDE LM.)

5. OTHER PARTIES CONTINUE MAN THEIR MIMEOGRAPH MACHINES. FEDERALISTS (MFM) HAVE BEEN EXPANDING OPERATIONS TO OTHER CITIES, WITH EXPOSITIONS THEIR HIGHLY THEORETICAL PROGRAM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOW EMANATING FROM BEIRA, NAMPULA, AND JOAO BELO AS WELL AS LM. AS ONLY GROUP OPPOSED TO FULL INDEPENDENCE, MFM HAS NOT FOUND ALLIES. MAXIMO DIAS' SECTION OF GUMO ANNOUNCED ITS OWN DISSOLUTION, AND ADHERENCE TO FRELIMO, JULY 10. MOCONEMO CONTINUES ISSUE MIMEOGRAPHED BULLETINS (AND ISSUES OF BRASA) GIVING POLITICAL THEORY WITH PRO-FRELIMO SLANT. HOWEVER, ITS PRESIDENT JN TOMAS GUIMARAES WAS GIVEN VITRIOLIC ROASTING AS "BLACK FASCIST" IN DEMOCRAT-ORIENTED

TEMPO MAGAZINE. (GUIMARAES TELLS USMHIS GROUP LIMITED TO 28 PEOPLE, AND DEVOTED TO ENLIGHTENING PUBLIC RATHER THAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY; HE CLAIMS A BROTHER, DAVID MABUNDA, WHO TEACHES IN A UNIVERSITY IN CHICAGO.)

6. MOZAMBIQUE DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN ISSUING RATHER FEWER COMMUNIQUEES THAN USUAL RECENTLY, THOUGH THEIR PRO-FRELIMO STANCE CONTINUES TO DOMINATE PRESS, ESPECIALLY NOTICIAS, NOTICIAS DA BEIRA, AND TEMPO. A DEMOCRAT LEADER IN THE LM SUBURB OF SALAZAR (MATOLA) WAS INJURED WHEN PRESUMED REACTIONARIES ROLLED OILDRUM IN FRONT OF HIS CAR IN EARLY JULY, AND DEMOCRATS CLAIM THEY VICTIMS OF THREATS AND OTHER FORMS OF HARRASSMENT.

7. COMMENT: POLITICAL SITUATION VONTINUES FLUID AND SOMEWHAT UNREAL. FRECOMO (WHICH SO FAR SEEMS LIMITED TO JOANA SIMIAO AND HER COREMO FRIENDS) IS TRYING CREATE A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO FRELIMO, PRESUMABLY BASED ON MACUA TRIBE AND ON PRESUMED MOSLEM AND OTHER FEAR OF FRELIMO'S MARXIST MILITANCY. SHE SEEMS TO HAVE SWAZI MORAL (AND PROBABLY FINANCIAL) SUPPORT, AND TALKS OF SENDING DELEGATION TO SAUDI ARABIA FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT. PRESUMABLY MANY EUROPEANS WOULD ALSO BACK THIS EFFORT IF IT LOOKED LIKE A POSSIBLE WINNER. SO FAR IT DOES NOT, SINCE (1) EFFORTS TO COALESCE BROAD ANTI-FRELIMO FRONT SEEM TO BE GOING VERY SLOWLY; (2) THERE STILL NO EVIDENCE THAT LARGE MASSES OF AFRICANS ARE PREPARED TO BACK ANY ANTI-FRELIMO DRIVE; (3) IT SEEMS DOUBTFUL WHETHER REFERENDUM ON WHICH STRATEGY DEPENDS WILL EVER TAKZ PLACE, OR BE MEANINGFUL EVEN IF IT DOES; AND (4) THERE STILL IS NO PLAUSIBLE PLAN FOR OPPOSING CONTINUED ARMED ATTACK BY FRELIMO (HOPES THAT UN AND/OR OAU WOULD SOMEHOW ENFORCE DEMOCRATIC VERDICT AGAINST FRELIMO SEEM TO US UNJUSTIFIED).

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IM NEVERTHELESS, THE SEARCH FOR A NON-FRELIMO SOLUTION WILL PROBABLY GO ON SO LONG AS INTERNAL CLIMATE OF MOZAMBIQUE PERMITS.

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